

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Friday Morning, Oct. 11, 1867.
Reduction in Rates of Advertising.

On and after this date a Reduction of FIVE PER CENT. on the rates heretofore charged for Advertisements in the DAILY and WEEKLY COLONIST will be made on all bills paid in advance at the Office desk.

Job Printing
Will be CASH ON DELIVERY of the Work.
Victoria, Sept. 7th, 1867.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.

TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

NANAIMO AGENCY.
Mr H. W. Alexander is no longer authorized to act as Agent of this paper at Nanaimo. Our business at that place will in future be conducted by Mr B. S. LAYI, who is alone empowered to receipt for subscriptions, &c.

Confederation and Representation.

When we penned a brief article a few days ago in favor of having some competent person at Ottawa to represent the Colony's interests there, we little imagined that our Government had been beforehand in the representative business, and had dispatched a person to look after its own interests at the Seat of Government of the Dominion. It would appear that the principal object of Mr Birch's visit to the East was to wait upon the Governor General of Canada with a view, if possible, of retarding the consummation of the scheme of Confederation and insuring a continuance for an indefinite period of the present one-man system of government with which we are now so grievously afflicted. We are therefore not surprised to learn that after an interview had taken place between the youthful secretary and Lord Monck, the latter "expressed himself as of opinion that Confederation is impracticable for some years, at least." Indeed, our only surprise is that his lordship did not tell Mr Birch almost in as many words that the Dominion does not desire British Columbia on any terms. It is some comfort to know that; and it is equally comfortable to reflect that notwithstanding the noble lord's opinion, his cabinet do not share it. The Ministry, not Lord Monck, shape the policy of the government, and a majority of the ministers, at least, are in favor of our immediate Confederation upon advantageous terms. Were Lord Monck's ministry composed of men possessed of little or no colonial experience and knowledge, we might well despair of being admitted to the family circle of the Dominion during the lifetime of the youngest man among us; but, fortunately for us, they are men who have been raised in the Eastern Provinces, who have risen from the ranks of the people to their present high position, and who understand the importance of fostering, encouraging and supporting, if necessary, a young and struggling Colony like ours. With Lord Monck and Downing Street Mr Birch will be quite an oracle. He will be quoted as an authority on all points relating to the standing and condition of the Pacific Colony; the best location for the capital; the form of Government suited to the wants of the country, and the customs, manners and habits of the people. But with the Canadian Ministers he will be lost. His "colonial experience" will pass for no more than it is worth with a Cabinet composed of such master minds as Macdonald, Cartier, Galt, Tilley and the other great men of the Dominion. "His measure will be taken," and his "advice" will be unheeded. It is not, therefore, because we fear that Mr Birch can or will damage the cause of Confederation at Ottawa (he might have saved himself the trouble and the Colony the expense of going there for all the good he will do his "friends") that we ask for an unpaid representative at Ottawa; but it is because we wish the Ministry to understand that the people of British Columbia are in favor of the Union—that they are ready and willing to join upon certain terms and conditions, foremost among which will be a new Governor, a new Ministry, Responsible Government, and (although we would not have it urged as a *sine qua non*) Reciprocity of Trade with the United States. Now that we know the Government to be represented at Ottawa by a paid delegate—why should not the Colony have its unpaid representative there—a man whose interests being all centered here would have the greatest possible incentive to look

well after ours. If there is no impropriety in the Colonial Secretary going there to represent the interests of his Government, why should there be any impropriety in a private individual being present to represent the people? We put forward these suggestions in the hope that steps will be taken to convene a public meeting, by which authority may be delegated to some person—we care not who—to act for us. In the last number of the *Examiner* the editor objects to Confederation because he is afraid Mr De Cosmos will be made Lieutenant Governor. Our cotemporary may withdraw his objection—his fear is groundless. Mr De Cosmos—though no favorite or friend of ours—we will do the justice to say would be head-and-shoulders above the present incumbent of the gubernatorial chair; but he stands about as much chance of being appointed Lieutenant Governor as the editor of the *Examiner* does of being nominated to a vacant chair in one of the Universities.

By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The Alabama convention is convened by a large majority.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Monetary panic has apparently ceased for the present. Opinion prevails that the money market will be easier next week.

A congressman who is a member of the Fenian Organization bought a steamer of the Government by auction at Brooklyn recently, which is admirably adapted to blockade running. Suspicious crafts reported by cable are supposed to be vessels which left this port seven weeks since.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The Louisiana Convention has been called by seven thousand and majority.

The *Times* special says, Grant contradicts the statement that he had expressed willingness to run for President if nominated.

Mexico.

HAVANA, Oct. 4.—The wife of Santa Anna has petitioned Juarez for the release of the General without trial.

Europe.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Midnight.—A despatch from Florence says insurgents are in strong position at Bigrosa in Viterbo. They were attacked by Papal troops; there was a short sharp fight and the attacking party was defeated, loss not stated. The victory is very inspiring to the party of action.

At a public meeting of Garibaldians, yesterday, revolutionary speeches were made by distinguished persons; similar meetings will be held in other cities. Garibaldi has issued a stirring address at Caprera, reciting the grievances of Italy, and urging his friends to march forthwith to Rome.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The authorities received advices of a Fenian attack on armories. On the night it was expected, troops were posted at the threatened place. The precautionary measures prevented outbreak.

The *Standard*, in a leading editorial, says the general arming of France excites apprehensions of a winter campaign.

FLORENCE, October 6.—Despatches from Rome say the greatest alarm prevails in that city. Deputations are arriving there and memorials pouring in from all parts of the Kingdom demanding that Rome be made the capital of Italy. The press throughout the country is urging subscriptions for Garibaldians who have been wounded in fights at Viterbo.

PARIS, October 6th.—It is reported that Napoleon has informed the Italian Government that it may occupy the Roman territory with troops, but must not enter Rome.

LONDON, October 7th.—It is said Lord Derby will soon resign the Premiership.

The *Times* says Edward Thornton, the present Minister at Rio, will be appointed Ambassador to the United States.

The pioneer steamer of the Abyssinian expedition has already sailed.

Late advices report that a destructive typhoon visited the harbor of Hongkong, causing great injury to shipping. Several vessels were driven ashore total wrecks, and others damaged.

PARIS, October 7.—Achille Fould, the eminent statesman and financier, died yesterday, aged 67.

A report is current that Prussia receives with favor the appeal of Italy to European Powers against the treaty of September, and will support the demands of Italy in regard to Rome.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, October 10.—The steamer *Peddelier* sailed at 5:30 p.m. yesterday, having on board James Gamble, General Superintendent of the telegraph lines on this coast, and the following freight:—2680 sacks flour, 152 sacks wheat, 350 sacks bran, 225 boxes fruit.

Sandwich Islands.
SAN FRANCISCO, October 9.—The agent at Honolulu of the San Francisco and Pacific Refinery has been successful in renewing his contracts with the Hawaiian planters and on a still more liberal scale. The results of these negotiations will probably be to improve the feeling in this market for grocery grades.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—The squatter difficulty culminated in a riot last night during which one man was killed and three others wounded. The squatter party retained possession. They were arrested on charge of murder and admitted to bail in \$10,000 each. The attacking party were arrested on charge of assault with intent to commit murder and gave \$10,000 bail each.

Legal tenders 70 at 70%. Flour, further advanced 25 cents per bbl.

San Francisco Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 9th.—Flour firm; City brands superfine, half-secks, \$5 75@80; qr-secks, \$6@6 25; extra, half-secks, \$6 75@7; qr-secks, \$7@7 25.

Wheat—Market quiet; firm at \$2 25@2 30 for good to choice shipping; fair, \$2 15.

Oats—Fair, \$1 65. Barley, \$1 62@1 65.

Legal Tenders, 69%@70%.

NEW YORK, October 9th, 3 p.m.—Gold closed at 143. Eastern line down beyond Julesburg at 5:30 p.m.

The Divining Rod—The Practical Experience of a Medium in Quartz Mining.

EDITORS JOURNAL OF MINING:—Gentlemen—Your remarks (in a late issue of the *Journal of Mining*) concerning a work on the subject of the "witch-hazel," has led me to address you on the subject. While operating in mining in Colorado, a few years since, I was let into the mysteries of the "witch-hazel." Previous to that, I was as great a skeptic as any one in regard to it, but my senses of sight and feeling (as fate has ordained me one of the mediums) were too severely worked upon to remain any longer a doubter on the subject. At that time I tested its operations in every way, and was fully satisfied that it was a reality. For the past five months I have been operating in mining at Madoc, C. W., and have continued my experiments with the forked stick (not with the "hazel" alone, as I find most young wood will produce the same effect.) In April last I selected a spot where the stick indicated a vein running northeast and southwest, and set my men to work, (where there were no surface indications of a "crevice.") After excavating a few feet, the crevice became very clearly defined, showing two regular walls, about four feet apart, with the vein running perpendicular. By continued experiments when the shaft had reached the depth of nine feet, I found (by the use of the stick) that there was a "lode" running northwest and southeast, crossing the vein we were working, about two feet from the northeast end of our shaft. Immediately directed the men to open the shaft six feet longer in that direction, so as to develop the two veins with the one shaft. This experiment proved the stick had not deceived me, as the "hanging wall" of a northwest and southeast vein, dipping to the northeast, was exposed, showing, as I expected, another well defined "lode." I experimented with this system continually, and I am satisfied that it has never yet deceived me, and I venture to say that I can trace any quartz vein as fast as I can walk, taking a Virginia fence course, on the surface. Its operations are singular and worthy of a thorough examination. By walking directly over and in line with the vein, the stick is not affected, but the least deviation to either side, causes it to bend towards the person carrying it; or crossing a vein causes it to turn. Another peculiar feature is, that a coin placed in a slit, cut in the point of the fork, appears to break the connection, and its operation ceases. These are facts and as I intend to return to the Madoc mines in the early part of September, I shall be perfectly willing to prove them to any one who will undertake to fathom the mystery. My theory is that it is caused by a current of electricity passing up from the bowels of the earth, through these crevices, and diffusing itself through the atmosphere. As many use the "hazel" to discover water, oil, etc., it may be that electricity is carried by them; or, again, water and oil would more likely be found in or over a crevice, than in or on the solid rock. The operations of the stick, if properly understood, will save a large amount of time and money, expended in various places; in stripping the rocks of the surface soil; to discover a crevice; and in many instances of shafts being sunk, in blind groping for a crevice in the rocks, where the forked stick would have pointed it out in a few moments, without trouble or expense. It is time this puritanical stigma of witchery, was trampled under foot, and science assume the mastery. I would urge upon you the importance of this matter, and would be pleased to render any assistance in my power towards its development. I do not claim any scientific attainments. My information has been gathered from practical experience in quartz mining.

GEO. W. JONES.
Blasphemous Ignorance.—According to the late Sir Astley Cooper, no man ought to know, from any physical condition that he has a stomach. Let those who are daily reminded of the existence of the organ, by pain, and all the concomitants of dyspepsia—whose stomachs digest slowly, imperfectly, and with sensations which pen can not describe, whose whole system do penance under the inflictions of the rebellious member—try, merely try, Bristol's Sugar-Coated Pills. As surely as they do so, their living martyrdom will be speedily exchanged for ease. They will forget that they have stomachs, save when the appetite, created by this pure and incomparable vegetable alternative are complete and radical. They are put up in glass vials and will keep in any climate. In all cases arising from or aggravated by impure blood, Bristol's SASSAPARILLA should be used in connection with the Pills.
For sale by all Druggists.

New Advertisements.

GEORGE JAMES FINDLAY. JOHN HENRY DURHAM.
FINDLAY & DURHAM,
IMPORTERS
General Commission Merchants,
Wharf Street, Victoria, V.I.
LONDON OFFICE—21 Great Saint Helens, Fleet Street, E.C.11

PHENIX SALOON,
Corner Waddington Alley & Yates St.

THE PROPRIETOR OF THIS SALOON pledges himself to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon his predecessor, Mr. Feigh. Best brands of Wines, Ales, Liquors and Cigars always dispensed.
oc10 1m

NEW STORE

CHEAP GOODS!

A. H. FRANCIS HAS OPENED A Store on FORT STREET, OPPOSITE MISS HEAL'S BOARDING HOUSE, For the sale of Isla d, Oregon and Sound Produce. A full supply of Flour, Grain, Bacon, Hams, Butter Eggs, Fruit, &c., &c. Those who desire the Staff of Life will do well to call on A. H. FRANCIS. A large quantity of CHICKEN WHEAT for sale low oc11 1m

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
FIRE AND LIFE.
CAPITAL.....TEN MILLION DOLLARS
RESERVE TO MEET LOSSES FIVE MILLION DOLLARS!

CHARLES TURNER, Esq., M. P. CHAIRMAN, PERCY M. DOVE, Manager.
THIS COMPANY HAS NOW THE LARGEST income for Fire and Life Premiums of any company in the world. The undersigned, Agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia, return their particular thanks to the public for their patronage of the Royal since the opening of the agency, and also to the Victoria Fire Companies for their valuable services.

The Fire Branch

Of this agency in 1864, was nearly double that of 1863—the risks in Victoria alone amounted to \$1,100,000.

Life Branch.

Has also largely increased since the Directors reduced the rate to the English standard.

SPROAT & CO. Store street. Agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia oc11

ARCADIE

OYSTER ROOMS,

BRICK BUILDING, Government Street (near Johnson.)

THE UNDERSIGNED BEG TO inform their friends and the public that they have (THIS DAY), in conjunction with their Oyster Rooms, opened a

Chop House,

WHERE LUNCHEONS, HOT AND COLD, may be had AT ALL HOURS, night and day, and where none but the best will be served.

Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, &c., ALWAYS READY.

Having been appointed sole Agents for the celebrated

OLYMPIA OYSTERS,

we are prepared to supply Hotels, Families and Parties with Oysters, in and out of shell, Wholesale and Retail, at the lowest possible rates.

N.B.—LADIES' PARLORS through the side entrance. oc10 1m H. E. IRVY. A. H. AARONS.

Answer to G. Wilson, of Cariboo.

I WAS MUCH SURPRISED AT notting a challenge from Mr. G. Wilson to fight me for \$100 to \$500. I think he and his friends must be aware that I was lower on the last fight; but if Mr. Wilson or his friends want satisfaction I will be most happy to make a fresh match for any amount not less than \$2000—the fight to take place within 100 miles of Victoria—and I will allow him the same amount he allowed me for expenses. The person who talked so much of fighting the winner in my last battle can be accommodated on the same terms. oc10 Sentinal copy. JOE EDEN.

JUDE EDEN'S

BENEFIT.

A GRAND Sparring Entertainment!

Will take place, at the

THEATRE ROYAL,

On FRIDAY EVENING, Oct. 11, 1867.

MR. J. O'NEIL,

MR. TOM LAFONT, and

MISS HARRIET MAYNARD

Will appear.

MR. CHARLES PHILLIPS,

And a host of volunteers, have kindly tendered their services.

The Greatest Bill of the Season.

For particulars, see small Bills. oc10

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,

Assisted by

THE MARSH FAMILY AND MISS SOLEDAD.

Will give the first entertainment of the season, UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

AND

MRS SEYMOUR,

On WEDNESDAY EVENING, 16th inst.,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

Miss Jonny Arnot

On the occasion of her LAST APPEARANCE on the Stage.

The performance will comprise the favorite Domestic Drama, in two acts, by E. Fitzgibbon, Esq., entitled,

THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION!

Followed by an

Interlude of Singing & Dancing.

To conclude with Morton's popular Farce of

SKETCHES IN INDIA!

Private Boxes, for six persons, 50; Reserved Seats, \$1 50; Unreserved, \$1; Pits, 50 cents. Box Office open on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 11 to 3. Doors open at 7:30; performance to commence at 8 o'clock. oc9

New Advertisements

To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &c.

VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS, VICTORIA, V.I.

Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c. At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles, the Goods being imported from Europe by Express Monthly.

The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:

White & Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c.,

Also on Hand in Great Variety.

Wm. DENNY, Manager.

FAMILY GROCERY

PROVISION STORE.

Notice of Removal.

WILLSON & RICKMAN

HAVE REMOVED

From their old Stand to their

NEW BRICK STORE

Corner of Fort and Douglas streets,

And beg leave to return their sincere thanks to the public for the very liberal patronage they have received for the past five years, and hope, by strict attention to business, and by keeping nothing but

First Class Articles, selected from the English Market and by their buyer at San Francisco expressly for them, to merit a continuance of past favors. They would call particular attention to their

Old Government Java Coffee, roasted and ground on the premises, and put up in parcels to suit, and to a very superior article of Japan Tea and Family Congou Tea.

All orders from the Heads of Families, H.M. Navy and Merchant Shipping, and Hotel-keepers promptly attended to, and DELIVERED FREE to all parts of Town and Esquimalt. se27

PUBLIC NOTICE.

MESSRS FELL & CO.

Beg to inform their friends and the public in general that they have taken the Store lately occupied by Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, into which they intend to remove immediately.

They take this opportunity of thanking their old customers for their liberal support, and to solicit that of those who have dealt with Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, assuring them that every effort will be made (by keeping an assortment of all the choicest articles that can be obtained) to rival the best Groceries on the Pacific coast, and to prove themselves worthy of patronage.

All Goods, whether for the Royal Navy, at Esquimalt, or any part of the City or Suburbs, will be promptly delivered FREE OF COST.

An abundant supply of

FRESH EGGS AND BUTTER

received every week from the outlying districts.

FELL & COMPANY,

Tea, Coffee and Spice Merchants and General Grocers,

FORT STREET.

Eureka Music Hall,

GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA.

WHERE DO YOU GO FOR AN EVENING'S AMUSEMENT? "STAND NOT UPON the order of going but go at once" to the Eureka Music Hall, Government street. The public are most respectfully informed that the above place of amusement is now open for visitors in a style far superior to anything hitherto presented to their notice, and nothing shall be left undone to ensure those who may patronise the house a pleasant evening's enjoyment.

Madame Annie Quarles

AND MISS MARSHALL,

the accomplished Pianists and Vocalists, will appear every evening. Wines, Spirits, Ales, &c., of the very best description, dispensed at the bar.

OPEN EVERY NIGHT AT 9 O'CLOCK—ADMISSION FREE. se11

The Shades,

THEATRE SALOON.

MESSRS BUSHELL & MORDAUNT, the well-known proprietors of the Blue Post, take leave to inform their friends and the public generally, that they have leased from the enterprising lessee of the Theatre the Saloon adjoining, which they have fitted up in suitable style, furnished the table with refreshments, and the bar with refreshing and stimulating beverages, together with luxurious "light Cigars" for those who may desire to indulge in them. oc7 1m

WANTED.

A SITUATION WANTED BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN AS HOUSEMAID. Address A.B. at this Office. oc8 2w

WANTED.

TWO BOOTHMEN—BEST WAGES AND steady employment to good workmen. Apply to W. HATHORN, Government street. oc8 1w

WANTED.

A GIRL TO COOK, WASH AND IRON. Apply to MRS LICHTENSTEIN, Pandora Street. oc8 4f

WANTED.

A PARTNER IN THE PARK HOTEL, during the absence of the proprietor. An active man, who understands his business thoroughly, will find this a good opportunity. oc1 1m

Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company (Limited.)

THE GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of the Shareholders of the above named Company will be held in the Company's Office, corner of Broad and Front streets, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.

H. GASTON, Secretary. oc9

C O K E

FOR SALE AT THE

GAS WORKS,

AT

50 Cents per Barrel. oc7

HIGGINS, LONG & Co., at their Office
Government Street, Victoria, V. I.